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Please deliver following message to Chancellor soonest unless
 you feel there are ~~overriding~~ reasons for not repeat not doing so.
 Also appreciate earliest report Chancellor's reactions.

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November 1, 1962

Dear Chancellor Adenauer:

First, let me say that I am grateful for all your messages of encouragement of recent days, and then let me turn to a problem affecting our personal meeting, to which I am very much looking forward. I would like to suggest to you that we would do better to meet one week later. I have had in mind your generous messages saying that the visit might well need to be delayed because of Cuba, but I at first thought it would be better to go right ahead, if only to show our solidarity. But that solidarity is clear enough on the record now, and I find myself thinking more about how to make good use of the new ~~existing~~ situation.

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My own attention in the last two weeks has been so heavily concentrated on the Cuban problem that I have not had time to think hard enough about the special possibility for a Berlin arrangement which you mentioned to Ambassador Dowling. Moreover, such preparatory work as was done in our friendly meetings with Foreign Minister Schroeder is now subject to some restudy in the light of the Cuban affair.

At the same time I find myself still engaged very closely in making sure that the agreement which I have with Khrushchev is in fact carried through in Cuba, and it looks now as if it will be some little time before we can be fully confident that real progress is being made. Castro is making the efforts which we anticipated to make the situation more difficult.

For these reasons, I am wondering whether we would not have a more useful meeting if we could see each other about a week later. That, as I recall it, was the time which you originally thought might be best in your talk with Mr. Bundy, but at that stage my schedule called for a visit to Brazil in mid-November. Now that my visit to Brazil has been indefinitely postponed, the 14th and 15th of November would be good times for me if they were convenient for you.

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I am asking Ambassador Dowling to bring this message to you personally and to make it very clear that if for any reason you think it important to stick to our present schedule, I shall of course be happy to do so. My one interest in the matter is to make sure that we make the best possible use of our time in the situation following events in Cuba.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

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